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GRAND ARMY MATTERS.

BALTIMORE PREPARED TO WELCOME THE DELEGATES HOSPITABLY.

Conference with Representative Business Men. Letter from Richmond Blues-Anxious Inquiries for Hotel Accommodations. The Reductions in Railway Bates, &c., &c., &c.

Special Correspondence National Tribune. Baltimore, May 10.—The arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the delegates to the National Encampment are being perfected as rapidly as possible, and the indications are that the attendance of uniformed members of the Grand Army throughout the United States will exceed that of any Reunion since the Order was established. General Ross, Chairman of the National Committee, earnestly requests that all members of the Grand Army, whether delegates or not, procure the regulation uniform. As already announced, the reduction in railway fares secured to uniformed members, will, in many cases, save to visitors more than the price of the blue flannel suit,

which can be worn subsequently, without the Grand Army buttons, as an every-day business suit. It is the intention of the Committee of Arrangements to dispense with tickets to the Academy of Music, and wherever receptions are held-the uniform of the members being the only requisite for admission at all times. The necessity of all visitors procuring the uniform is thus apparent. Secretary Thompson and his corps of assistants at Grand Army Headquarters are closely engaged in mapping out details and replying to inquiries. Numerous letters and telegrams are received daily, many of them asking for hotel accommodations. In this connection General Ross desires to state, through the columns of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, that all applications for quarters should be made at

modations are limited, and, while there will be no difficulty in securing quarters at small hotels and boarding houses, those desiring accommodations at the large, centrally-located hotels should not defer a moment in making their applications. All communications on this and other subjects should be made to Grand Army Headquarters, South and Second

the earliest possible moment. The hotel accom-

CONFERENCE WITH MERCHANTS. An adjourned meeting of the Executive Com mittee for the purpose of a conference with prominent business men on the subject of organizing a hospitality committee to provide suitable entertainment for visiting bodies was held at the rooms of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association on Tuesday. Ex-Mayor F. C. Latrobe was elected chairman, and John Latrobe, John C. Barkley, John T. Ford, Col. Fred. Raine, Wm. Schnauffer, George Colton, Joshua Horner, Wm. S. Powell, Col. Harrison Adreon, Gen. Graham Dukehart, A. A. Hasson, George W. Knapp, Horace Slingluff, David W. Newbold, Gen. Felix Agnus, James R. Brewer, George B. Creamer, General W. E. W. Ross, Colonel Stewart Brown, George H. C. Neal, W. O. Saville, General James R. Herbert, S. M. Sparklin, A. G. Alford, H. G. Hayden, John R. Bland, John W. Watkins, George F. Sloan, Geo. P. Mott, Charles W. Hatter, Colonel Edwin H. Hon. John L. Thomas, Colonel Sheldon, Chris.

ward Abrahams. General Ross submitted a list showing the number of Posts that will attend from different States, as follows: Maine 15, New Hampshire 13. Vermont 7, Massachusetts 30, Rhode Island 7, Connecticut 12, New York 30, Pennsylvania 45, Delaware 7, Maryland 14, Virginia 12, District of Columbia 15, Ohio 30, Illinois 12, Indiana 10, Wisconsin 10, Nebraska 12, Iowa 5, Michigan 8, California 12, Kansas 4, Colorado 7. New Jersey 20, Minnesota 4; total 341.

Henry C. Smith, Wm. H. Perkins, and Wood-

On motion of General Ross, a committee was appointed, composed of John T. Ford, Horace Slingluff, and General R. H. Carr, to wait upon the Mayor and confer with the City Council committee as to what the city will do to cooperate with the hospitality committee. Gen. Latrobe is to be an ex-officio member of this committee. The same committee is also to confer with Gen. Herbert, brigadier-general of the Maryland militia, as to what can be done to entertain the visiting military organizations.

On motion of Mr. Wm. S. Powell, a ways and means committee was formed, composed of Messrs. Barkley, Neal, Scoville, Matthews, and Marburg, to devise means how to raise \$15,000. the least amount required to defray the expenses of providing for the entertainment of visitors. In this connection it was suggested that the appropriation made by the City Council should be increased to at least \$5,000. It | C., Charles P. Ford; Adj't, Stephen A. Cannon; was further agreed that the hospitality com- | Q. M., ----; Chaplain, mittee is to meet every Monday at 12 o'clock. THE RICHMOND BLUES.

General Ross received the following letter from Captain John S. Wise, of the Richmond Light Infantry Blues, one of the best known of No. 15, was instituted here June 8, 1868. In the old confederate organizations:

RICHMOND, VA., May 6, 1882.-Gen. W. E. W. Ross, Baltimore, Md .- DEAR SIR: It gives me pleasure to inform you that the "Blues" resolved at their last meeting to accept unanimously your kind invitation to visit Baltimore on the occasion of the Reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic on June 21. You may count confidently on our presence there on the 21st, as intimated in your letter to General Woodfin.

This is not a formal acceptance, but is called forth by the great kindness extended us by all, and particularly yourself. I shall ever remember gratefully the many expressions of kindness made us, and assure you I cordially reciprocate them. We will make our appearance at the time designated with full ranks. Yery truly yours, John S. Wise.

REDUCED RAILWAY RATES, Colonel M. V. Bailey, Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, has prepared the following circular:

"This committee has succeeded in obtaining transportation to the National Encampment, for uniformed delegates and Posts only, and ladies accompanying them, on the great east and west trunk lines, at three-fifths of the ordi. nary limited rates. These rates are the same as those obtained for the Garfield inauguration, and in consideration of the fact that the policy of those lines is adverse to reduced rates for any purpose whatever, we congratulate ourselves upon this concession, which does not, however, extend beyond Chicago and St. Louis, Tickets will allow four days in Baltimore, Round trip tickets will be sold under proper restrictions from all points reached by the Baltimore and Ohio, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, New York Central and Hudson River, New York, Lake Erie and Western, and Pennsylvania Railroads. Arrangements can probably be made to better advantage with connecting lines by local organizations, but where action is desired by

this committee it will be taken at once.

points west of Baltimore will be as follows: Chicago, Ills., \$21; Cincinnati, Ohio, \$16.80; Columbus, Ohio, \$15.90; Cumberland, Md., \$6.60; Dayton, Ohio, \$16.80; Monroeville, Ohio, \$14.70; Pittsburg, Pa., \$10.80; Sandusky, Ohio, \$14.70; St. Louis, Mo., \$25.20; Springfield, Ohio, \$16.80; Wheeling, W. Va., \$12.

"Special arrangements are being made from other points, and all who desire our assistance should correspond with us immediately."

PREPARING FOR THE MARCH. Chief Mustering Officer Fielder, of Jersey City, is raising a uniformed company of Grand Army men for the Baltimore Encampment, which will present a fine appearance. George S. Canfield, delegate-at-large from Ohio, writes General Ross from Toledo, promising a large 'squad," since railroad rates have been reduced. George B. Hogan, Department Commander of Iowa, says the men of that State will appear with blue blouses, uniform caps and badges, and will take part in the parade. C. C. Taylor, of Town Post, 46, of Philadelphia, says they will have 100 persons, including drum corps, and will have headquarters at the Howard House, Favorable letters were also received from Boston and Johnstown, Pa.

PREDICTING A HOSPITABLE WELCOME. Griff. J. Thomas, A. Q. M. G., of Berlin, Wis. says: "I know you will have a good time, and that the generous Southern heart will beat hospitable welcome to the hardy sons of the North, and I feel that the holding of the Encampment in your city at this time will do more to solidify the two sections than any event since the war, because politics will be barred, and our glorious Order, thriving so finely all over the land, will receive a new impetus, such as will create a desire on the part of every man who wore the blue to be come affiliated with us."

CARDS OF INVITATION.

The Committee of Arrangements have had printed a very pretty card to be sent to Grand Army Posts throughout the country, inviting them to attend the celebration. It is sufficiently large for framing. On the right, in gilt and colors, is a representation of the badge of the G. A. R.; in the centre, in subdued blue, the seal of the city and the Maryland coat-ofarms are pictured, and in the lower left-hand corner, in gilt and blue, is the dismantled cannon and other significant signs of the reign of peace. It reads as follows:

BALTIMORE, April 19th, 1882. You are cordially invited to participate in the ceremonies attending the 16th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Baltimore, Maryland, June 21st to 23d, Very respectfully, in Fraternity,

Charity, and Loyalty, WM. E. W. Ross. Chairman Ex. Com

EDW. H. DUNN. Chairman Com. on Invitations.

WISCONSIN AND CALIFORNIA.

A letter has been received at headquarters from Colonel Elias A. Caulkins, member of Congress from Wisconsin, stating that a large delegation would represent his State at the R. Bland, secretary. Gen. Ross read a list of June celebration, for which he requested that names of gentlemen invited to serve on the quarters be provided. A similar communicahospitality committee as follows: Hon. F. C. | tion was received from W. A. Robinson, Department Commander of California.

THE BENEFIT PERFORMANCE. There was a very large crowd at Ford's Opera House performance for the benefit of the G. A. R. Hospitality Fund, to which allusion was made in last week's NATIONAL TRIBUNE. Dr. C. B. Bishop appeared in his laughable farce, "The Widow Bedott." At night the house was again crowded and all the seats taken. During the performance a very pleasant episode occurred. The various Posts of the G. A. R., through General Ross, sent a very large and Webster, Robert M. Preud, A. C. N. Matthews, | handsome stand of flowers to Manager win T. Ford. During the play the floral tribute was Bartlett, C. C. Isaacs, James A. Whiting, Weshanded over the footlights, and loud calls were ley M. Oler, Wm. A. Marburg, Gen. R. H. Carr, made for Mr. Ford. Dr. Bishop held the flowers Colonel C. R. Hogan, John M. McClintock, Col. for some time, awaiting Mr. Ford's appearance. Eugene T. Joyce, James Hodges, John Gill, At last, as that gentleman did not step forward. Dr. Bishop advanced and said that "a man who was afraid to face a friend was worse than one who ran from an enemy," and amid great applause he placed the flowers on a table on the stage. The tribute was very handsome. In the centre was a shield, on which was placed in immortelles the letters "G. A. R." The benefit was a great success, and a large sum was realized for the fund.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR AND GEN. SHERMAN. At a recent meeting of the Committee of Arrangements, a special committee, with General Ross as chairman, was appointed to visit Washington and extend an invitation to President Arthur to be present during the Encampment, and also to invite General Sherman to take command on the occasion of the grand parade. It is understood that both invitations will be accepted.

A NEW POST IN NEW JERSEY. Special Correspondence National Tribune.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., May 6 .- A Post of the Grand Army of the Republic was instituted in this city a few days ago. It is to be known as Ambrose E. Burnside Post, No. 67. Eighteen members were mustered in as charter members by Comrade George B. Fielder, of Jersey City, Chief Mustering Officre, and the following officers installed: Post Commander, Henry D. B. Lefferts; S. V. C., Isaac L. F. Elkin; J. V. -; S. M., John C. Voorhees; O. D., Charles W. Grover; O. G., Wyckoff J. Garriguez. The Post will meet every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in Stett Hall, No. 20 Albany street. Kearney Post, 1875 another Post was instituted and named Hugh H. Janeway Post, No. 6. In 1878 the two Posts consolidated and assumed the name Kearney-Janeway Post, No. 15.

GROWTH OF THE ORDER AT FROST-

BURG, MARYLAND. Special Correspondence National Tribune. FROSTBURG, MD., May 8.—Thoburn Post, No. 21. G. A. R., Department of Maryland, named in memory of Col. Joseph Thoburn, was organized September 9, 1881, by Gen. Ross, assisted by Col. John H. Suter, Geo. W. Johnson, and Graham Dukehart, the present Department Commander, a large delegation from Tyler Post, No. 5, of Cumberland, Maryland, being

present. The Post now numbers over sixty active men and is increasing. The present officers are the same as were elected at the organization. Commander, W. H. Koch; S. V. C., Geo. W. Tennant; J. V. C., A. A. Rogers; Chaplain, Lewis Skidmore; Q. M., Wm. Thomas; O. D., Enoch Clice; O. G., Geo. M. Crow; Adjutant,

Thos. Hill. A number of the members are subscribers for THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, and all are pleased with the frank manner in which it voices the sentments of the "old soldier."

DECORATION DAY AT CARBONDALE.

Special Correspondence National Tribune. CARBONDALE, PA., May 10.-Post Commander Joseph M. Alexander has issued the following order to the members of William H. Davies Post, No. 187: The recurring season of spring reminds us that Memorial Day will soon be upon us, and the very extensive recognition of that day throughout the Union last year, should excite us thus early to revive the same interest, so that by the 30th of May next, it will be said again to the credit of the Grand | Republic. Army of the Republic that each year adds renewed interest, and keeps in memory our heroic deeds, making the ceremonies of strewing the graves of our dead comrades an act of almost religious devotion; therefore it is de-

supply of floral offerings may be in readiness. All civil and military organizations are most cordially invited to participate with us, and those who may desire to do so, can report to the Commander of the Post. The following act at once in their various duties: Committee on Reception and Orator-John Kelly and Christopher Schultz. Flowers and Flags-Truman Bradley, Lucias Marshall, and John Scurry. Music and Programe of Arrangements-George M. Rowley, Harry Dimock, A. S. Rowley, Wm. T. Foote, Henry Wilbur, James Irwin, and

Foote, and John Kelly. The following comrades are detailed for Jones.

RHODE ISLAND NOTES.

Special Correspondence National Tribune. PROVIDENCE, May 10.—Colonel George W. Patten, U. S. A., a member of the Loyal Legion and a veteran of the Mexican war, died at Houlton, Me., on Friday last. Colonel Patten was a native of Rhode Island.

Dr. W. F. Hutchinson, of Arnold Post, No. 4, G. A. R., sailed from Boston recently as a delegate to the British Medical Association.

Rev. J. J. Wooley, late Chaplain of this Department, G. A. R., has gone to Europe for the benefit of his health. Warden Viall, of the State prison; Chief of

Police Child, Dr. W. H. Palmer, Captain Costine, and other G. A. R. members left for the South on Saturday, the 29th ultimo, to make a tour of the battle-fields. The annual meeting of the Veteran First

Light Infantry was held on the evening of May 1, it being the first meeting since the Kinne; E. C. Butler, P. C. adoption of the new by-laws. The meeting was large and the following officers were elected for the coming year: Colonel, W. W. Brown, Lieutenant-Colonel, Henry Staples; Adjutant, D. S. Remington; Captains, First Co., A. C. Eddy; Second Co., Isaac M. Potter; Chaplain, Thomas M. Clark; Clerk, C. C. Armstrong.

The Woonsocket Veteran Association voted to parade Memorial Day and to carry out the entire programme of last year. Memorial services will held in the Globe Congregational Church on Saturday preceding the day.

Soldiers' headstones for the Department have remained upon one of the wharves here for ten years. It is said the contract price was so unable to set them up, and so they still lay G. E. Caukin, Geo. Wright Post, No. 1, Depart-'mouldering in the dust."

A NEW POST IN ILLINOIS.

Special Correspondence National Tribune. MASON CITY, ILLS., May 10.—Duvall Post, No. 123, of this city, was mustered in recently by L. S. Rusmussen, M. O., assisted by M. Maranville, O. D., of Post 121, of Lewiston, Ills., with twenty-nine charter members. An election for officers followed with the following result: Commander, I. R. Brown; S. V. C., H. C. Parker; J. V. C., T. N. Smith; Q. M., D. W. Vickery; Surgeon, J. P. Walker; Chaplain, I L. Hastings; O. D., H. M. Anderson; O. G., Alfred Low; Adjutant, J. F. Culp; S. M., E. C. Vanloon; Q. M., S. B. F. Mullen. The Post is in a flourishing condition and steadily gaining

Special Correspondence National Tribuner LAKE VILLAGE, N. H., May 8.—Commander Martin A. Haynes has issued the following in a body. order: In compliance with the laws of our Order, our established custom, and general orders from National Headquarters, the comrades of this Department will observe Tuesday, the thirtieth day of May, as Memorial Day. With such services and in such manner as to each Post may seem most appropriate, our annual tribute will be paid to those whose places in our ranks are but a memory.

Comrades, each recurring Memorial Day brings to the living added duties. There are more mounds to decorate, and fewer hands to bear the offerings. The Grand Army that followed the flag with loyal devotion from '61 to '65 is crossing the line to join the Grand Army of the Invisible. Our old divisions are dwindling to brigades; our brigades are but regiments power to which the victors of Gettysburg and Let us, then, perform our duties to this end, that as citizens of a country we have helped to save our conduct may add lustre to the name and fame of the citizen soldier; that as soldiers, we may illustrate the undying devotion to comrades of those who touched the elbow beneath the flag of the stripes and the stars.

THE ORDER IN KANSAS. Special Correspondence National Tribune.

Kansas City, May 9 .- Department Commander William Warner, in assuming the duties of the office to which he was recently clected, has issued a general order under date of April 25, as follows:

The Department of Missouri of the Grand Army of the Republic, having been duly organized, and having been elected to the position of Department Commander, it is hereby announced that I assume the duties of that office, and in accordance with provisions of the rules and regulations, appoint the following | ing congratulatory order: The Department members of my official staff:

Nat. M. Gwynne, McPherson Post, Assistant Adjutant General; Henry W. Turner, James A. Mulligan Post, No. 11, Assistant Quarter- ter, making a total of 56 Posts, and returns his master-General; Thomas Phelan, George H. | thanks to comrades for their good work. Spe-Thomas Post, No. 8, Inspector; Thomas C. cial mention should be made of Washington Fletcher, General Lyon Post, No. 2, Judge | Post No. 12, Lawrence, for their thorough way Advocate; Christian Stawitz, General Lyon of doing business. Having an order from this Post, No. 2, Chief Mustering Officer. Aides de Camp: Frank F. Snow, McPherson Post, No. 4; R. H. Hunt, George H. Thomas Post, No. 8; William Striblen, Custer Post, No. 7; James O. Churchill, Frank P. Blair Post, No. 1.

DECORATION DAY IN MICHIGAN.

Special Correspondence National Tribune. GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., May 8.—Preparations are alrerdy in progress for the celebration of Memorial Day throughout this State. Colonel B. R. Pierce, Department Commander, has issued a special order to comrades on the subject, which says:

"While this custom of honoring the memory of those brave Comrades who have gone before is but sentimental in character, may not that bright lesson of patriotism, which was measured only by the Nation's necessity, be taught at their graves, as we cover them with beautiful flowers? Let the youths of to-day be made to know we had and have a country worth loving, and worth living and dying for. We do not seek to commemorate valor, but patriotism, devoted love of that liberty which best proclaims the praises of those brave hearts who faltered not in its purchase. When we wreathe garlands for our heroic dead, who, in defense of all that crowns our State-aye, crowns our Nation-with the lustrous diadems of liberty and peace, let the recollection of their heroic deeds and services make us more worthy to be members of our Order and citizens of a great

and patriotic service to their country in the keep fresh in the hearts of the rising genera- muster. "Rates for the round trip from the following sirable that the friends of the Post do what tion that love of country, that devotion to the

they can with flower culture, so that a good Union, and that reverence to the Constitution existence.

"Our Nation joins with us in paying our | Camp, W. C. Whitney, of Post No. 43. annual floral tribute as an evidence of the fact details are made also, so that the comrades will | that the bulwark and safety of a Republic is in the loyalty and courage of its citizens."

Memorial Day, Commander Carnahan says: into the spirit of the day, and conduct its cere- please all. After a selection by the orchestra, monies in a manner in keeping with the sol- | the manager (Major Ellen) introduced Com-H. Fisher, George J. Davies, S. E. Bryant, Geo. emnity of the occasion. As you gather in the rade Rev. Couden, who gave a condensed ment, whose number became the dearest, most camps where your comrades rest beneath 'the Wm. D. Jones. Carriages-Jacob Eitel, Louis | low green tents whose curtains never outward Decker. Finances-John Scurry, George T. swing,' to decorate them with the Nation's colors wrought from the warp and west of nature's loom, may all minds be filled with the guards and firing party for the present year! | thought, that the occasion is one of honor to Comrades John Scurry, Charles Monk, John | the sleepers, --not for display by those who honor Ulmer, Wm. H. Fisher, Alva Dolph, John R. | themselves in honoring their comrades. Let Price, W. D. Jones, Job Hawkins, Jacob Eitel, your bearing be such as to convince the chil-James Irwin, Samuel Lingfelter, and Edmund | dren who look with wide-eyed wonder upon the beautiful ceremony, that your action comes company of veterans (with home guards the dark shadow began to fall. Soon the from your hearts—that you hold above all thrown in) occupied the stage and sang, with message "Died in the hospital" was repeated, earthly honor of pomp, power, or place, those who gave their lives for their country, actuated exercise with the gun and bayonet followed, rible three years, the story of our ten brave by no motive save those of love for human liberty. Let your actions convince all who witness them, that although called 'a festival of the dead,' it is your firm faith that 'they who fall in a great cause can never die."

THE GRAND ARMY IN CALIFORNIA.

Special Correspondence National Tribune. SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—In his order, is-Robinson announces that the following new the last encampment:

Geary Post, No. 25, Camp Thomas, Arizona April 8, by Comrade John P. Fisher; G. F. Kilmer, P. C.

by Past Department Commander C. Mason

Governor Morton Post, No. 41, Calistoga, Cal. March 25, by Junior Vice Department Commander R. H. Warfield; G. W. Johnson, P. C. John A. Dix Post, No. 42, San Jose, California, March 23, by Department Commander W.

A. Robinson; Orrin Taber, P. C. Nye Post, No. 43, Candelaria, Nevada, March 27, by Past Department Commander C. Mason Kinne; Geo. G. Lyon, P. C.

The following additional appointments on the Staff of the Department Commander are sylvania volunteers, Second brigade, Second announced:

To be Aides-de-Camp-Stephen Finnell, Far-No. 27; Adam Aulbach, Upton Post, No. 29; Bluff, Georgia. He is a regular reader of THE small that the contractor lost so much he was | Frank M. Vanderlip, Kilpatrick Post, No. 38 ment of Oregon-attached.

To be Assistant Inspectors-George L. Voorhees, Farragut Post, No. 4; W. A. Clifford, Lander Post, No. 27; James A. Zabriskie, Negley Post, No. 35; D. D. Neer, Geo, Wright Post, No. 1, Department of Oregon-attached.

The order says: The National Encampment will meet in Baltimore, Md., June 21, and each Department has been requested to send one uniformed Post to the Encampment to appear in the grand parade, June 21. No detail will be made from this Department for such service; but any and all comrades who can make it convenient to go will meet with a cordial welcome. The Committee on Reception have made ample arrangements for the accommodation of all comrades in attendance. Comrades intending to go are requested to forward their names to MEMORIAL DAY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE. | these headquarters at as early a date as possible. It is desired that all who go from this Destreet shall be present at the Encampment

> Information is desired as to the present whereabouts of Jas. E. Merriman, late Captain Co. H. Twenty-sixth Ills. infantry vols.; Sam'l Stadden, first lieutenant Co. H, Fifth Cal. infantry; John Lambert, second lieutenant Co. H, Fifth Cal. infantry.

> > THE ORDER IN INDIANA.

Special Correspondence National Tribune. INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 7 .-- The Commander of the Department, Colonel James R. Carnahan, has issued an order appointing Comrade J. L. Wooden Inspector, and Comrade P. M. Wiles Assistant Mustering Officer. The followingnamed aids have also been appointed on the staff of Department Commander: Jarvis W. Newton, John G. Beymer, Thomas Kesee, and companies. Our ranks are falling before a Henry J. Bradford, B. M. Hutchins, R. B. Sears, H. O. Bingham, Cortland B. Whitsett, June 7th for those engaged at or near the Appointtox must soon lay down their arms. Flias R. Teague, J. H. Ross, Jerry Armstrong, William Rogers, J. O. Pedigo, Adolphus G. Jones, Elias M. Low, L. E. Willhide, S. V. Oldkirke, John Cooms, and General James S. Jack-

> Encampment, February 22d, 1882: No. 48, Kirklin, Ind.; 49, Newport, Ind.; 50, Galveston, Ind.; 51, Monticello, Ind.; 52, Waterloo, Ind.; 53, Idaville, Ind.; 54, Attica, Ind.; 55, Richmond, Ind.; 56, Peru, Ind.: 57, Goodland, Ind.; 58, Harmony, Ind.; 59, Xenia, Ind.; 60, Winchester, Ind.; 61, Elwood, Ind.; 62, Wil-Hamsport, Ind.; 63, Decatur, Ind.; 64, Brookville, Ind.; 65, Frankfort, Ind., and 66, Den-

THE ORDER IN MISSOURI.

Special Correspondence National Tribune. LEAVENWORTH, KAN., May 6.—Department Commander Walkinshaw has issued the follow-Commander congratulates the Department for the good work done in the last quarter, by the increase of 14 Posts, and 6 in the present quaroffice, they went to Baldwin City with Comrades enough to fill the offices and properly muster Post No. 40; also to Past Department S. V. C. Comrade J. B. Logan and comrades of Lyons, for mustering Post 53 at Frankfort in the same way. Also to Comrade H. P. Woodward, of Post 38, for mustering Nos. 38 and 47. and other good work; to J. V. C. Dept. H. W. Pond, of Post No. 32; and returns also his thanks to comrades of Posts No. 3, 36, 32, 42, 11 and 19, for kind attention while visiting their Camp-fires. The hearty co-operation of all the comrades in the Department is fully appreciated, and adds more than all to the grand success of the Department. As preparation for the Grand Reunion at

Topeka in September, attention is directed to General Order No. 4. Further orders and circulars will be issued in regard to the Reunion. As many comrades as can attend the National Encampment in June, at Baltimore, will notify this office at once.

Comrade D. O. Crane, of Post No. 11, is hereby appointed Department Inspector, vice H. X. Devendorf resigned.

The following Posts have been mustered since last report: No. 41, by Comrade James Justis; 45, by Comrade W. C. Whitney; 49 Girard, 51 Iola, 54 Galena, 56 Cherokee, by J. V. Dept. Com. H. W. Pond; 47 Minneapolis, by Comrade H. P. Woodward; 50 Eureka, by Comrade R. N. Ashmore: 53 Frankfort, by Comrade J. B. Logan; 39 Onaga, 42 Marion, 43 Cawker City, 44 Belleville, 46 Holton, by Dept. "If, therefore, these holy remembrances of Com.; 52 Great Bend, by Comrade J. J. Mcour Comrades, who rendered loyal, devoted, Bride; 40 Baldwin City, by Washington Post, No. 12 and Posts at Emporia, Ellinwood, Dunhour of peril, serve no other purpose, they will | lap, Humboldt, and other places ready to

The following announcements are made on

the Department staff: To be Assistant Inspecand the laws which are the anchors that hold | tors, Theodore Shultz, of Post 28; R. A. Campus firmly to a solid, permanent, and national | bell, of Hooker Post, No. 17; R. N. Ashmore, of E. M. Stanton Post, No. 23. To be Aide-de-

INTERESTING ENTERTAINMENT.

The entertainment last evening, says the In a circular referring to the approach of Willoughby (Ohio) Independent, under auspices of the G. A. R. Post of this place, was well at-"It is hoped that each Post will heartily enter | tended and sufficiently varied to interest and the fall of Colonel Ellsworth, followed by Miss of Early's vigorous attack, which was appropriately supplemented by the well-known and sued a few days ago, Department Commander stirring poem, "Sheridan's Ride," given in good style by Harry Wing. The singing of Posts have been organized in California since "America" by the audience closed the entertainment. The receipts are to be devoted to a widow of a deceased comrade.

Lander Post, No. 27, Austin, Nev., March 21, THE OLDEST VETERAN OF POST 47, NEW JERSEY.

To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Comrade Charles L. Maire, of Post 47, Department of New Jersey, is the oldest veteran in the Post. He served in Company B, Second U. S. Artillery. He was in the Mexican campaign from 1846 to 1848. On the breaking out of the rebellion he enlisted in Captain Collis's independent company Zonave D'Afrique (Gen. N. B. Banks's body-guard), being discharged by cause of sickness. He re-enlisted March 8, 1864, in the One Hundred and Ninth Penndivision, Twentieth Corps, in which he served until the 15th day of June, 1864, when he was ragut Post, No. 4; J. A. Miller, Lander Post, | wounded and lost a leg at the battle of Pine

> WILLIAM MOONEY, Comrade of Post 47, G. A. R., Manarquan, N. J.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO SENATORS. To the Editor NATIONAL TRIBUNE: At a meeting of Harrison Post, No. 231, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., M. C.

Miller Commander, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, That we tender our sincere thanks to the Hon. Senators D. W. Voorhees, J. J. Ingalls, George G. Vest, and all others who

Yours respectfully, JOSIAH HUFFMAN, Adjutant. BUFFALO MILLS, PA.

old soldiers, and that a copy of the above reso-

lution be sent to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE.

SONS OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATION. Wm, H. Davies Camp, Sons of Veterans, has been organized in Carbondale, Pa., with the following officers: Captain, Thomas Hunter: First Lieutenant, Fred. Topping; Second Lieutenant, Samuel G. Cobb; Orderly Sergeant, Milo Gardner; Chaplain, W. Stuart; S. of G. George Whiting; Color Sergeant, Wm. H. Davis. The Camp starts out under favorable auspices and with a considerable membership, The mustering officers from Scranton spoke in warm terms of the efficiency of the organiza-

tion in the outset. GETTYSBURG REUNIONS.

The committee of ex-Union and ex-confederate officers, comprising Generals Dudley Scales, Dawes, Ayers, Colonels Manning, Aiken, and others, appointed to arrange a series of joint Reunions of veterans of the Army of the Potomac and the Army of Northern Virginia to fix historic points for the Government history of the battle of Gettysburg, have decided on "Peach Orehard," "Wheat Field," "Devil's Den," and "Round Top;" June 14th for these engaged in the first day's battle, and October 18th for those engaged at or near Culp's Hill, or East Camden Hill, the hour and place for The following Posts have been organized and | meeting to be the Eagle Hotel, Gettysburg, at mustered since the meeting of the Department | 8 p. m. Other Reunions will be called as the history progresses.

> THE GREAT SOLDIERS' PAPER. From the Typo's (Balto.) Guide.

THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, published at Wash-Its circulation, already large, is booming right along way up in the big figures. Every week Business Manager Flint books about a thousand new ones. Putting \$16,000 in a press to print a weekly paper on is a big thing, but they did it, and already find it to be a wise move.

STONEWALL JACKSON'S SISTER. Mrs. Arnold, the only sister of Stonewall Jackson, was a staunch Unionist, and during the war showed helpful kindness to countless Federal soldiers. She opened her house at Beverly, W. Va., where she still lives, to the tenderly nursed them.

GRAND ARMY NOTES.

Army Hall, Chicago, recently. The hall was densely-packed with enthusiastic admirers of the Post, who came for enjoyment and found it. Moore's First Cavalry string band furnished the music for the ball and to the enjoyment of the dancers. The party was a remarkable success, both in points of attendance and financial Kenisaw Post, G. A. R., at Danville, Illinois,

mourns the loss of a comrade who was lately killed by the railroad cars at Peoria.

The second Reunion of the surviving members of the Eighth Pennsylvania cavalry was celebrated at Williamsport, Pa., a few days ago. There were about 200 men in line. Reno Post turned out about sixty members. Speeches were made by Mayor Parsons, Sergeant James B. Dentworth, Major J. E. Carpenter of Philadelphia, and others, and an original poem, descriptive of the charge of the Eighth cavalry at the battle of Chancellorsville, was read by F. | whose wounds were beyond the reach of sur-C. Campbell.

The members of John A. Dix Post of San Jose, Cal., and their families, enjoyed an excursion to Big Trees and Santa Cruz beach a few days ago. The party comprised twenty car loads. Upon arriving they were received by Wallace Post of Santa Cruz with a national salute, and the day was delightfully spent. John A. Dix Post will net about \$700 by the excursion, which will give that young and vigorous Post-now numbering over 70 members-the means for a Post fund that will enable it to carry out all benevolent purposes. Stout Post, No. 108, Fayette, Ohio, is a very lively working Post, and although organized

last September has now thirty-seven members. members, and still recruiting.

ONLY ONE OUT OF TEN LEFT.

From a quiet country neighborhood near the eastern boundary of our patriotic State, says an exchange, soon after the opening of the war, brave boys to the number of ten responded to their country's call; and, with hardly an exception, all exchanged prosperous, happy homes for the perils and chances of camp and battle-field. Of these ten young men, not more than three or four had reached the age of twenty-one years.

What yearnings and hopes and fears went out from all those households after that regihistory of the state of the country preceeding familiar name of the whole neighborhood! the civil war and the opening of that fearful How busy hands worked for it! How loving struggle. Mrs. Lyon read a paper on the hearts prayed for it! Called almost at once "Scenes of 1861," which contained much of into active service, anxiety was changed to local interest. Mrs. Ellen briefly alluded to certainty that never could the "boys" all come back to us. Long marches and two fierce bat-Emma Ellen with a reading of Ellsworth's tles spared them all, but from a crowded letter to his parents written the night pre- Southern hospital, one day, were borne two of ceeding his death, and also an account of his them in their coffins and started on their tragic ending as related by an eye-witness. A journey toward their Northern homes. Then good effect "Marching Through Georgia." An and another came. Near the end of that terwhich was loudly cheered and repeated. Mr. boys was this: Four had died in hospital, one Couden then recited with thrilling effect the in Andersonville prison; one had been dispoem of "Mobile Bay." A camp scene fol- charged from duty, and two shot in battle. On lowed in which the "boys" took much delight | that fourth of July two were left to stand beand caused considerable merriment, and more fore Vicksburg-the two who had been bunk singing. Mr. Ellen related the condition of mates together when they first went into camp, affairs in the Shenandoah Valley at the time | had marched together, had been in hospital together, and it almost seemed that a kind fate was going to send them home together. But soon after the news that "Vicksburg is taken" had thrilled through the North, the tidings came to another home that this victory had taken from it forever the only son and brother. very worthy purpose-the assistance of the One of the two had fallen in the last battle. The comrade was allowed the privilege of taking him off the field, of watching with him till he died, and of marking his burial place. When at last the thinned ranks of the army came back, only one home in that neighborhood was gladdened by the return of a soldier boy-boy, truly, for after nearly three years of faithful service to his country, he had not yet reached his twenty-second year. Before starting for home, he paid a visit to the grave of his dead comrade, and with thoughtful tenderness, plucked the few leaves of green that had sprung up, to take to Fred's mother. They came too late, for she, stricken by disease, and mourning for her boy, had just closed her eyes in death; but the little tokens of life from the grave of her soldier buried at Vicksburg were placed in her hands over the still heart, with whose last beat she had breathed his name.

FRAUDS ON SOLDIERS.

Adjutant-General Chapman, of Wisconsin. recently addressed a communication to the Representatives of his State in Washington, in which he asserted that the State of Wisconsin is being flooded with circulars and traveling agents who are endeavoring to buy up what are called "soldiers' declaratory papers" at from \$5 to \$10 each, and requesting the views of the Interior Department as to whether the practice is not a fraudulent one. Ex-Governor Pound referred the communication to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, who has have labored faithfully in the interest of the just responded, stating that it appears from the communication of Mr. Chapman that speculators are engaged in the business of purchasing the rights of soldiers to make filings or declaratory statements in order that they (the speculators) may select or locate, and sell tracts of the public lands, with the understanding that the speculator and the soldier are to share alike in the proceeds resulting from the transaction. The Department has been advised of other similar transactions. The Commissioner is of the opinion that the practices complained of are entirely outside of the letter and the spirit of the law, and he stated to a representative of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE that an examination was now being made with a view to ascertaining whether under existing laws the parties implicated can be prosecuted and punished.

> THE WILSON BROTHERS OF MARY-LAND.

Mr. J. W. Kirkley, in his Historical Record of the First Maryland Infantry, gives the following interesting incident of the early days of the rebellion:

In 1860 a company called the Union Rifles vas formed in Baltimore county for home defense, because of threats to drive Union men out of the State, in which were five boys, sons of Mrs. Wilson. On April 19, 1861, at the call of Capt. John W. Wilson they met at Cockeysville to resist attempts of the Maryland Guard and Towsontown Cavalry to burn the bridges on the Northern Central Railroad. About twelve o'clock at night two omnibuses with about forty-seven men drove up inquiring for Havfield Merrymen. Noticing the uniform on the men they asked what company and who commanded. "I do," said Capt. John Wilson. The man in charge of the newly-arrived party asked of him a private interview. They went into ington, is the great soldiers' paper of the times. | the parlor. After a few words the Captain was heard by those outside to say "The City of Baltimore could not raise money enough to hire me to do such a thing," when he immediately came out slamming the door and said. "Will you stick to me boys? These men say Governor Hicks has ordered them to come up here and offer me five hundred dollars to burn Big Gunpowder Bridge. If they do it they will walk over my dead body first." Being foiled in their plans the men got into the omnibusses and drove down the turnpike. Wilson and others followed to see that they did not take any side road to accomplish their work. sick and wounded among them, and herself Out of this company Company G, First Maryland infantry was formed, which entered the service of the United States May 27, 1861, in which were the five brothers. Afterwards Custer Post held its annual party at Grand | Robert A. Wilson raised a company of cavalry and Malcolm a company of infantry for the Second Maryland. Captain John Wilson passed through the successive grades and became colonel of the regiment October 30, 1864. He was killed in action at Dabney's Mill, Va., in the following February, where his brother Robert also received his death wound. Malcolm was killed at Antietam, and the three brothers are buried side by side in the Presbyterian churchyard at Chestnut Grove.

A SINGULAR COINCIDENCE.

Major Clifton K. Prentiss, of the Fifth Maryland Infantry, was wounded in action before Petersburg, Va., April 2, 1865. He was carried back to hospital at City Point, where he afterwards found his brother, Major Prentiss, of a confederate regiment. Both were badly wounded and their cots were moved near together. The long summer wore away and the brothers, gical skill, were gently moved to the Armory Square Hospital at Washington. Death came finally as a relief, when within a week of each other the hands of both were folded across

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their breasts and the grave received them.

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